THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) and (c). On environmental and other considerations, the Government of India givens due priority for use of natural gas and other forms of renewalblegy sources for generation of power. Cooperation with Denmark in the power sector has so far been mainly in the field of Wind Power. However, some other areas of cooperation between India and Denmark being identified.

Import of Potato by Coca Cola

7214. SHRI RABI RAY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the government have given permission to Coco Cola Company to import potato; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b). Government have approved a joint venture proposal submitted by M/s. JMRPCO Limited, a company incorporated in Hongkong having NRI equity share holding of 60% and 40% share holding by M/s. Coca Cola South Asia Holdings, wholly owned subsidiary of the Coca Cola Company of USA with M/s. Britannia Industries Limited, Calcutta and Maharasthra State Government Agency for setting up a unit for manufacture of processed extruded snacks, processed nuts, stackable potato chips and non-alcholic beverage bases/essences in a backward district of Maharashtra by setting up a new company to be known as BRITCO Foods Private Limited. The proposal interalia envisage manufacture of stackable potato chips for which potato flakes shall be imported under the 'Blanket Advance Licence Scheme'. the annual requirement of potato flakes range between 600-758 M/T during the first five years. According to the project report, 100% production of processed sanckfood nuts and stackable chips are to be exported.

Tuticorin Airport

7215. SHRI M.R. KADAMBUR JANARTHANAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state by when the new airport established at Tuticorin is likely to become operational?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): After the issue of licence by the Director General of Civil Aviation, the aerodrome at Tuticoirin will become operational.

Mangalore Power Project

7216. SHRI V. KRISHNA RAO:
SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA:
SHRI C.P. MUDALA GIRUIYAPPA:

Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the environmental clearance for Super Thermal Power Porjects, Stage-I mangalore has been accorded by the Union government recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the project is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Ministry of Environment & Forest (MOEF)